

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace pending Claims 57, 60-63, 66, 68-75, 77-80, 84-87, and 91-93 with the amended Claims 57, 60-63, 66, 68-75, 77-80, 84-87, and 91-93, as shown below. All of the amendments to Claims 57, 60-63, 66, 68-75, 77-80, 84-87, and 91-93 are highlighted in Appendix A, which is attached hereto.

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57. (Thrice Amended) A method for processing a call from a calling party at a calling communication station to a called communication station, the method comprising:

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- (a) determining whether standard caller identification information for the calling communication station can be provided to the called communication station;
 - (b) transmitting a request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station in response to a determination that the standard caller identification information cannot be provided to the called communication station;
 - (c) receiving an override signal from the calling communication station; and
 - (d) connecting the calling communication station and the called communication station in response to the override signal and without providing any caller identification information to the called communication station.

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60. (Twice Amended) A method for processing a call from a calling party at a calling communication station to a called communication station, the method comprising:

- (a) generating a query in response to the receipt of the call, wherein the query includes the telephone number associated with the calling communication station;

(b) determining whether standard caller identification information for the calling communication station can be provided to the called communication station by analyzing data contained within the query;

(c) transmitting a request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station in response to a determination that the standard caller identification information cannot be provided to the called communication station;

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(d) transmitting the audible caller identification information to the called communication station; and

(e) canceling the call in response to input from the called communication station.

61. (Twice Amended) The method of claims 60, 69, 70, or 71, wherein (b) comprises analyzing data contained within the query to determine whether caller identification information for the calling communication station is unavailable.

62. (Twice Amended) The method of claims 60, 69, 70, or 71, wherein (b) comprises analyzing data contained within the query to determine whether the caller identification information for the calling communication station is incomplete.

63. (Twice Amended) The method of claims 60, 69, 70, or 71, wherein (b) comprises analyzing data contained within the query to determine whether caller identification information for the calling communication station has been blocked.

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66. (Twice Amended) The method of claims 60, 69, 70, or 71, wherein (d) comprises transmitting audible caller identification information and a text message to the called communication station.

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68. (Twice Amended) A computer usable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein for processing a call from a calling party at a calling communication station to a called communication station, the computer readable program code comprising:

a first computer readable program code for causing a computer to generate a query in response to the receipt of the call, wherein the query includes the telephone number associated with the calling communication station;

a second computer readable program code for causing a computer to analyze data contained within a query to determine whether standard caller identification information for the calling communication station can be provided to the called communication station;

a third computer readable program code for causing a computer to transmit a request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station in response to a determination that the standard caller identification information cannot be provided to the called communication station;

a fourth computer readable program code for causing a computer to transmit the audible caller identification information to the called communication station; and

a fifth computer readable program code for causing a computer to cancel the call in response to input from the called communication station.

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69. (Amended) A method for processing a call from a calling party at a calling communication station to a called communication station, the method comprising:

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- (a) generating a query in response to the receipt of the call, wherein the query includes the telephone number associated with the calling communication station;
 - (b) determining whether standard caller identification information for the calling communication station can be provided to the called communication station by analyzing data contained within the query;
 - (c) transmitting a request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station in response to a determination that the standard caller identification information cannot be provided to the called communication station;
 - (d) transmitting the audible caller identification information to the called communication station; and
 - (e) transferring the call to a voice mail system in response to input from the called communication station.

70. (Amended) A method for processing a call from a calling party at a calling communication station to a called communication station, the method comprising:

- (a) generating a query in response to the receipt of the call, wherein the query includes the telephone number associated with the calling communication station;
- (b) determining whether standard caller identification information for the calling communication station can be provided to the called communication station by analyzing data contained within the query;

(c) transmitting a request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station in response to a determination that the standard caller identification information cannot be provided to the called communication station;

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(d) transmitting the audible caller identification information to the called communication station; and

(e) transferring the call to another location in response to input from the called communication station.

71. (Amended) A method for processing a call from a calling party at a calling communication station to a called communication station, the method comprising:

(a) generating a query in response to the receipt of the call, wherein the query includes the telephone number associated with the calling communication station;

(b) determining whether standard caller identification information for the calling communication station can be provided to the called communication station by analyzing data contained within the query;

(c) transmitting a request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station in response to a determination that the standard caller identification information cannot be provided to the called communication station;

(d) transmitting the audible caller identification information to the called communication station; and

(e) transmitting a message to the calling communication station in response to input from the called communication station.

72. (Amended) The method of claims 60, 69, 70, or 71, wherein (c) comprises transmitting a request for the calling party to speak his or her name.

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73. (Amended) The method of claims 60, 69, 70, or 71, wherein (c) comprises transmitting a request for the calling party to speak the name of the party upon whose behalf he or she is calling.

74. (Amended) The method of claims 60, 69, 70, or 71, wherein (c) comprises:

- (c1) transmitting a message indicating that the called communication station does not accept calls from an unidentified calling party; and
- (c2) transmitting a request for the calling party to speak his or her name.

75. (Amended) The method of claims 60, 69, 70, or 71, wherein (d) comprises:

- (d1) recording the audible caller identification information; and
- (d2) transmitting the recorded audible caller identification information to the called communication station.

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77. (Amended) A system for processing a call from a calling party at a calling communication station to a called communication station comprising:

a switch operative to generate a query in response to the receipt of the call, wherein the query includes the telephone number associated with the calling communication station;
a service control point coupled with the switch, the service control point being operative to determine whether standard caller identification information for the calling communication

station can be provided to the called communication station by analyzing information contained within the query; and

06. a service node coupled with the service control point, the service node being operative to transmit a request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station in response to a determination that the standard caller identification information cannot be provided to the called communication station and being operative to transmit the audible caller identification information to the called communication station.

78. (Amended) The system of claim 77, wherein the service control point is operative to determine whether the standard caller identification information for the calling communication station is unavailable by analyzing information contained within the query.

79. (Amended) The system of claim 77, wherein the service control point is operative to determine whether the standard caller identification information for the calling communication station is incomplete by analyzing information contained within the query.

80. (Amended) The system of claim 77, wherein the service control point is operative to determine whether the standard caller identification information for the calling communication station has been blocked by analyzing information contained within the query.

07 84. (Amended) A system for processing a call from a calling party at a calling communication station to a called communication station comprising:

a switch operative to generate a query in response to the receipt of the call, wherein the query includes the telephone number associated with the calling communication station;

a service control point coupled with the switch, the service control point being operative to determine whether standard caller identification information for the calling communication station can be provided to the called communication station by analyzing information contained within the query; and

an intelligent peripheral coupled with the service control point, the intelligent peripheral being operative to transmit a request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station in response to a determination that the standard caller identification information cannot be provided to the called communication station and being operative to transmit the audible caller identification information to the called communication station.

85. (Amended) The system of claim 84, wherein the service control point is operative to determine whether the standard caller identification information for the calling communication station is unavailable by analyzing information contained within the query.

86. (Amended) The system of claim 84, wherein the service control point is operative to determine whether the standard caller identification information for the calling communication station is incomplete by analyzing information contained within the query.

87. (Amended) The system of claim 84, wherein the service control point is operative to determine whether the standard caller identification information for the calling communication station has been blocked by analyzing information contained within the query.

91. (Amended) A computer usable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein for processing a call from a calling party at a calling communication station to a called communication station, the computer readable program code comprising:

a first computer readable program code for causing a computer to generate a query in response to the receipt of the call, wherein the query includes the telephone number associated with the calling communication station;

a second computer readable program code for causing a computer to analyze data contained within a query to determine whether standard caller identification information for the calling communication station can be provided to the called communication station;

a third computer readable program code for causing a computer to transmit a request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station in response to a determination that the standard caller identification information cannot be provided to the called communication station;

a fourth computer readable program code for causing a computer to transmit the audible caller identification information to the called communication station; and

a fifth computer readable program code for causing a computer to transfer the call to a voice mail system in response to input from the called communication station.

92. (Amended) A computer usable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein for processing a call from a calling party at a calling communication station to a called communication station, the computer readable program code comprising:

a first computer readable program code for causing a computer to generate a query in response to the receipt of the call, wherein the query includes the telephone number associated with the calling communication station;

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a second computer readable program code for causing a computer to analyze data contained within a query to determine whether standard caller identification information for the calling communication station can be provided to the called communication station;

a third computer readable program code for causing a computer to transmit a request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station in response to a determination that the standard caller identification information cannot be provided to the called communication station;

a fourth computer readable program code for causing a computer to transmit the audible caller identification information to the called communication station; and

a fifth computer readable program code for causing a computer to transfer the call to another location in response to input from the called communication station.

93. (Amended) A computer usable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein for processing a call from a calling party at a calling communication station to a called communication station, the computer readable program code comprising:

a first computer readable program code for causing a computer to generate a query in response to the receipt of the call, wherein the query includes the telephone number associated with the calling communication station;